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TEST RUNS ON NEW LOAN POLICY

In preparation for the beginning of operation of the new loan policy on September 1, 1957, test runs of the new system have been made by the Reference Division and the Photographic Services Section of the National Library of Medicine.

Some of the interlibrary loan requests received in July were sent through as much of the routine as is now feasible and converted into photocopies in accordance with the policy statement (NEWS, June 1957). In so doing, some of the potential bottlenecks in the system have been brought to light and the Library is taking steps to eliminate them. Throughout August libraries everywhere may expect to receive occasional photocopies in lieu of journal volumes requested on interlibrary loan, although total conversion to the new system will not begin until September.

The National Library of Medicine will welcome comments from librarians who receive the substituted photocopies.

NOBEL PRIZE WINNERS IN MEDICINE AND PHYSIOLOGY

A half century of progress in the medical sciences may be measured by the achievements of the Nobel laureates in medicine and physiology. From 1901, when the first award was bestowed on Emil von Behring, to last year's winners, Dr. Werner Forssmann, Dr. Dickinson W. Richards, Jr., and Dr. André Cournand, a total of fifty nine physiologists and physicians have received the Nobel Award in Physiology and Medicine.

In an exhibition from the Art Collection of the National Library of Medicine, the portraits of more than forty of these laureates are on display, together with each subject's own personal description of his discoveries. Pictures of Alfred Nobel, his will, and the Nobel Medal are included.

A complete chronology of Nobel Prize winners in medicine and physiology has been compiled; copies of this list, with the portraits on display indicated, are available to visitors. The exhibit will be shown at the Library during August and September.

DEATHS OF FRIENDS

DR. ALAN GREGG (July 11, 1890 - June 19, 1957)

While serving as Director of Medical Sciences of the Rockefeller Foundation in 1943, Dr. Gregg was instrumental in obtaining support for the American Library Association's Survey of the Army Medical Library; in 1955, as a subcommittee chairman of the Medical Task Force of the Hoover Commission, he recommended the establishment of a National Library of Medicine.

Dr. Gregg's eloquent testimony at the Senate hearings in April 1956 was a potent factor in the eventual passage of the National Library of Medicine Act.

DR. ALFRED E. COHN (April 16, 1879 - July 20, 1957)

A pioneer cardiologist who had been associated with the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research for more than twenty five years, Dr. Cohn achieved distinction also as a collector of art and of literature. He was a longtime friend of the National Library of Medicine and a frequent contributor to its collection.

NLM FAUNA

In a previous issue of the NEWS (August 1952) we commented on certain wildlife denizens of the building occupied by the National Library of Medicine. We are constrained to note several additions to this unwelcome collection.

A few months ago the third floor was tossed into somewhat of an uproar when an observant staff member noticed a bat hanging peacefully, in the manner peculiar to bats, from one of the pipes in the corridor. Announcement of this discovery prompted much banging of doors, furtive peeping, and swinging of brooms, until the visitor was dislodged... More recently, as a variation on bats in the belfry, there have been pigeons in the stacks. Two pigeons roosted above the desk of the Assistant Chief of the Reference Division; it was conjectured that they might be waiting to apply for jobs as messengers.

We love all these little beasts; nevertheless, we would prefer that they remain in their proper spheres, and leave us to ours.

GROWTH OF COLLECTIONS

	CURRENT YEAR			COLLECTION TOTALS	
	Added	With-drawn	Net Gain	30 June 1956	30 June 1957
BOOK MATERIAL					
1. Bound Monographs					
a. HMD	552	12	540	31,726	32,266
b. 1801-1913	7	3,545	-3,538	101,483	97,945
c. 1914-	8,928	3,629	5,299	119,111	124,410
Subtotal (1)	9,487	7,186	2,301	252,320	254,621
2. Bound Serials	9,552	0	9,552	223,991	233,543
Total Bound Volumes (1-2)	19,039	7,186	11,853	476,311	488,164
3. Theses	2,596	0	2,596	274,197	276,793
4. Pamphlets	1,552	0	1,552	155,570	157,122
Subtotal (3-4)	4,148	0	4,148	429,767	433,915
TOTAL BOOK MATERIAL	23,187	7,186	16,001	906,078	922,079
NON-BOOK MATERIAL					
1. Microfilms	58	1,124	-1,066	2,127	1,061
2. Portraits and Pictures	1,993	2,288	-295	58,328	58,033
TOTAL NON-BOOK MATERIAL	2,051	3,412	-1,361	60,455	59,094
BOUND VOLUME EQUIVALENTS*				15,000	15,000
GRAND TOTAL	25,238	10,598	14,640	981,533	996,173

*Material in pipeline

STATISTICAL SUMMARY, FISCAL YEAR 1957

During the year which ended June 30, 1957, the National Library of Medicine:

ACQUIRED	12,022	books
	73,053	serial pieces
	1,193	new serial titles
PURCHASED	525	old and rare items for the History of Medicine Division
CATALOGED	22,820	titles, of which 10,862 were recataloged works
WITHDREW	10,598	duplicate and out-of-scope items
BOUND	15,078	volumes
ADDED	1,993	pictures and portraits to the Art Collection
PREPARED	15,794	main entries for the 1956 volume of the National Library of Medicine Catalog
CIRCULATED	125,383	volumes
ANSWERED	9,299	reference questions, and compiled 435 bibliographies of some length
FILMED	1,129,788	pages in response to 69,340 photoduplication orders
PUBLISHED	111,317	items in the Current List from 1,547 journal titles
EDITED	52,184	author-title cards, and subject headed 60,532 cards for printing in the Supplementary Series of the Index-Catalogue
SPENT	$1,619,778	for all operations (including $319,334 obligated for new building program)
EMPLOYED	an average work force of 210 persons	

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